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1939-40

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School FOOTBALL

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Reaching For a High One

"NAY, MY LAD, I GOT THERE FIRST," so might H. Harley (Melb.) be saying as he beats A. Williams for a mark in the Melbourne League game on Saturday.

Sport Is Important part of training. Picture shows Australian football being played in Palestinian setting. Cricket team is planned for tour to Cairo in coming summer.

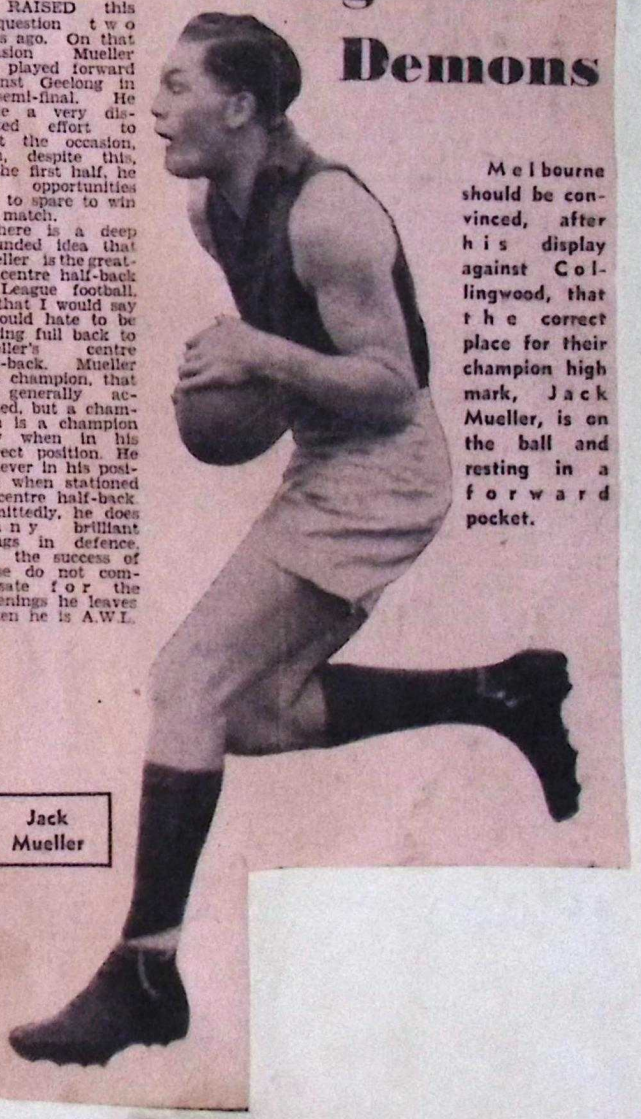
Wednesday, June 28, 1939

Jack Mueller Might Win Flag For Demons

I RAISED this question two years ago. On that occasion Mueller was played forward against Geelong in a semi-final. He made a very dispirited effort to meet the occasion, even, despite this, in the first half, he had opportunities and to spare to win the match.

There is a deep grounded idea that Mueller is the greatest centre half-back in League football. To that I would say I would hate to be playing full back to Mueller's centre half-back. Mueller is a champion, that is generally accepted, but a champion is a champion only when in his correct position. He is never in his position when stationed at centre half-back. Admittedly, he does many brilliant things in defence, but the success of these do not compensate for the openings he leaves when he is A.W.L.

Melbourne should be convinced, after his display against Collingwood, that the correct place for their champion high mark, Jack Mueller, is on the ball and resting in a forward pocket.



Jack Mueller

Played 150th Game For South

HIGH ABOVE THE PACK, R. Pratt soared to take this mark for South Melbourne against Geelong on Saturday, when he played his 150th game for the team and scored his 650th goal. Other players in the picture include Williams (South) and Gross (No. 24, Geelong).

Victorian Giants Triumph

SOUTH AUSTRALIA LOST IN POSITION PLAY

26,558 PAY £1232 AT ADELAIDE OVAL

KICKING with great force, combining effectively, and marking finely, Victoria defeated South Australia in a fiercely fought contest on the Adelaide Oval last Saturday. Victoria won by 21—13 (139 points) to South Australia's 15—19 (109).

The Premier of South Australia (Mr. Playford) bounced the ball at the beginning of the game. The official attendance was 26,558, and takings £1232—best for eight years, according to the League records.

THE oldest followers of the game could not recall a match between the two States in which vigor counted so much. Both teams mixed it to such effect that two men were taken to the hospital.

A. Smith (S.A.) had his cheekbone broken, and A. Muller (Victoria) sustained a broken jaw. Other players suffered less severe injuries. In the final stages Victoria played with only 17 men.

THE KICKING ACTION of Vontom, of St. Kilda, as he takes play from his goal during the match with Richmond.

NEXT LEAGUE GAMES

Carlton v. Fitzroy
Collingwood v. Essendon
Footscray v. Geelong
Hawthorn v. Melbourne
Richmond v. St. Kilda
South Melb. v. Nth. Melb.
Victoria v. South Aust., at Adelaide

Hickey Holds Up Geelong

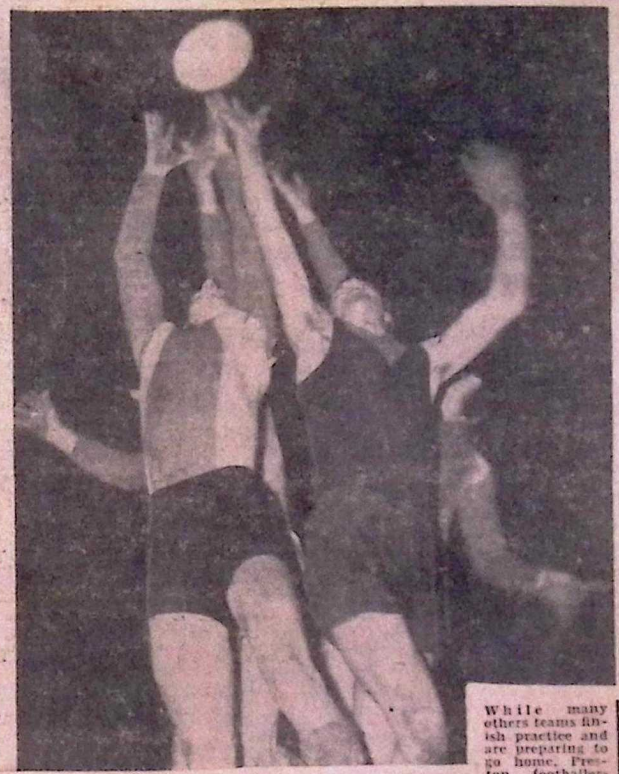
PLAYING on the ball and on the half-forward flank, Reg. Hickey, Geelong's captain, gave his side his best game for the season, and was the most effective player in the match at Corio Oval.

He followed tirelessly, marked safely, played on with vigor and determination, and disposed of the ball with either foot with his usual accuracy.

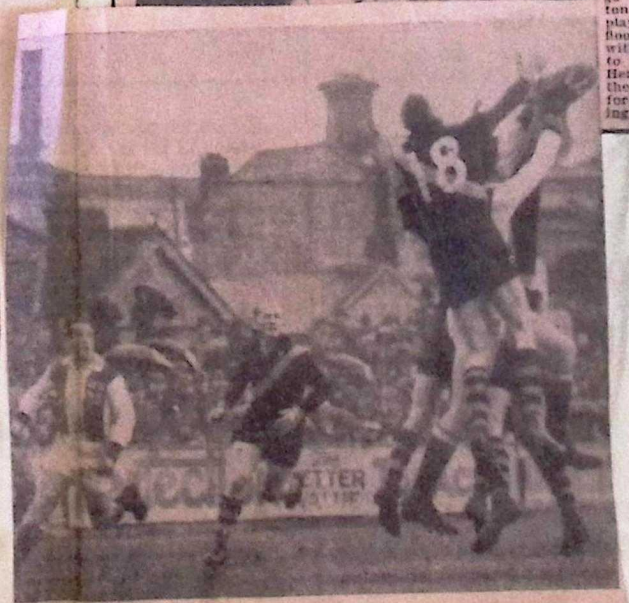
It is doubtful whether the League has ever had a more proficient "two-foot" footballer than the Geelong captain. Reg. at practically every match has the family support, as his father and brothers rarely fail to witness him in action.

Joe Sellwood also played a sound game on Saturday, his low, skimming dropkicks to position being a feature.

Arthur Robertson, St. Kilda's full back.



While many others teams finish practice and are preparing to go home, Preston footballers play on under floodlights, and with a white ball to aid them. Here are some of the players up for a mark during the practice.



CRANE, the Richmond full back, leaping high in an effort to punch the ball from a St. Kilda opponent's hands. Killigrew (St. Kilda) and Kevin O'Neill, Richmond's vice-captain, are the players on the alert.

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GRAND ENTRY

BALLOONS AND RIBBONS in the black and white colours of Port Adelaide Football Club gaily decorated the engine of the Westland express which brought the team to Perth today.

JACK DYER, Richmond's champion ruck man, flies high to punch the ball away from the pack, during the Melbourne Australian Rules game on Saturday.

Leo Ryan.

PHOTOS BY "PIX"

THE STORY OF

AMBROSE PALMER

BOTH BEATEN BY BALL

O'HALLORAN, St. Kilda's forward, and a Richmond man failing to take the ball in a marking struggle at Richmond. Behind is Crane (18), the Richmond full back.

To His Father, an old-time fighter, Palmer gives most of the credit for his success. He coached Ambrose in the art of blocking punches.

Early To Bed Apart From football and gymnasium training, Palmer seldom goes out at night. Prefers staying at home with his wife.

Fond Of Music, playing the piano is a new found pleasure. He likes new dance music. He said his favorite song was "Down and Out Blues." Player-piano performs the difficult works,

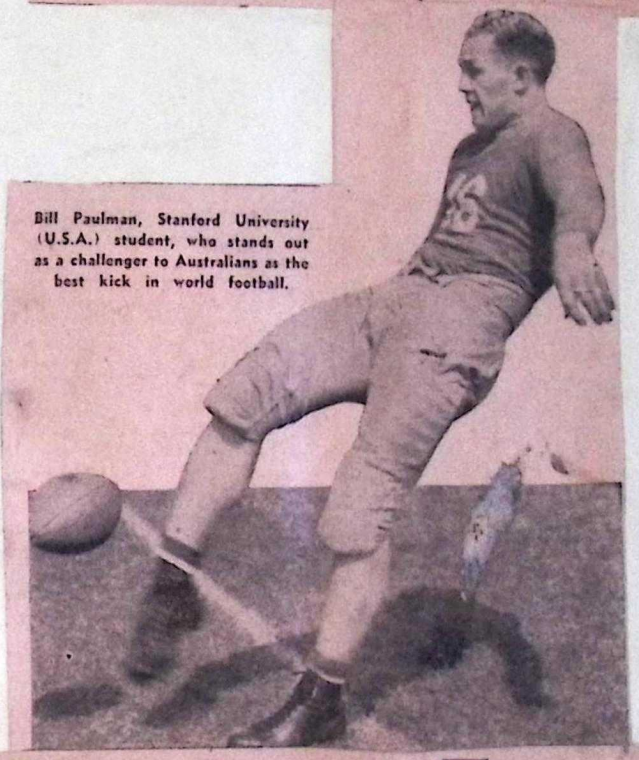
At Home, Palmer likes simple comforts, enjoys his wife's companionship and her cooking . . . His wife has been one of his principal advisers since their marriage, has played a major part in the making of important decisions.

PAULMAN (STANFORD) IS A BETTER KICK THAN AUSSIES

IS Bill Paulman, Stanford University (U.S.A.) student, the greatest all-round kick in football?

Australian footballers have always boasted of their kicking prowess, and until now the Americans have been astonished at the ease and power of the Australian athlete when it came to propelling the football.

Now in the United States a new kicking star has been found and I doubt whether there is a man in our game his equal at the three divisions of kicking—drop kick, punt and place kick.



Bill Paulman, Stanford University (U.S.A.) student, who stands out as a challenger to Australians as the best kick in world football.

WILLIAMS SECOND HOPKINS

"A SECOND Alan Hopkins" is the description Les Hardiman, former Geelong and Victorian champion, gives, according to Geelong officials, to Fred Williams, the young Subiaco player, who is now happily domiciled in Geelong awaiting the expiration of time to enable him to apply for permission to play in Victoria.

WILLIAMS has certainly a high reputation to maintain if he is to compare with one of the outstanding footballers of all time. Hopkins, even today, is holding his place in the Yarraville team, although well into the veteran stage.

It is doubtful if we have ever seen a better and more effective footballer than Hopkins.

The young Westralian certainly looks the type and has already impressed Geelong officials with his cleverness and all-round ability.

According to a good judge at Geelong, all that is required is a little more accuracy in the disposal of the ball, but, as Williams is only 19, that should be easily acquired.

Les Hardiman should be in a position to judge, as he is now with Subiaco and played in the same team as the young Westralian.

Played For Every League Team "Doc" Bucirde Also Star Tas. Oarsman

By PAT O'NEILL

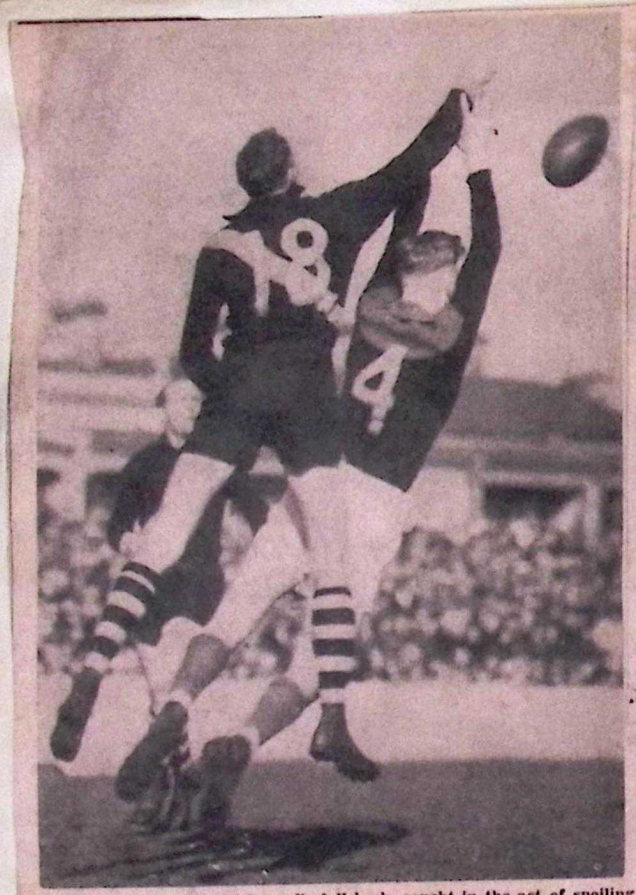
TO have played with every club in the one football league can be the boast of very few players. Arthur (better known as "Doc") Bucirde, of Hobart, claims this distinction, and I think I am safe in saying that his record is unique in the annals of big football in Australia.

"Doc" has seen active service with all the four clubs comprising the Tasmanian League.

"DOC" BUCIRDE

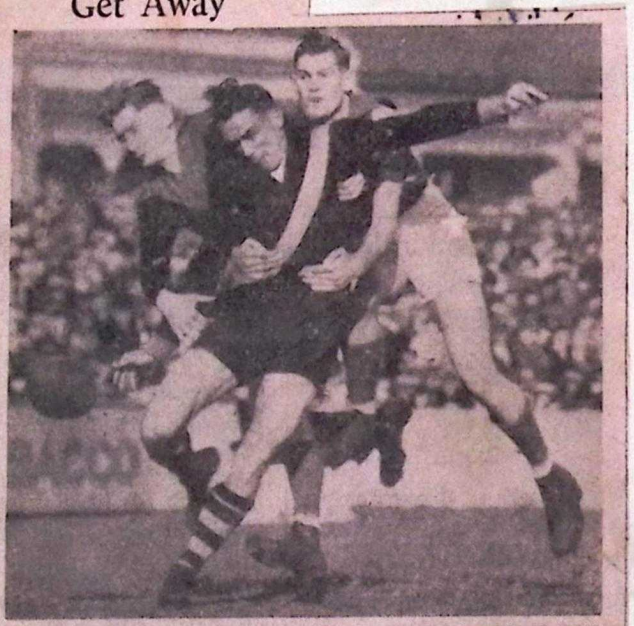
Vic. Richardson, whose "Weekly Magazine of Sport," relayed to 6WF on Mondays, at 6.45, is commanding a big audience.

VIC RICHARDSON WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS — FOOTBALL TALKS



JACK CRANE (No. 18), Richmond's full-back, caught in the act of spoiling an attempted mark of N. Smith (No. 4), Melbourne's leading forward, at Richmond. Kevin O'Neill, Richmond's vice-captain, waits on the ground to see which way it goes. Melbourne won the match.

Too Well Held To Get Away



MARTIN BOLGER, Richmond back pocket man, firmly gripped by N. Smith (left) and H. Ball, Melbourne opponents, while attempting to clear the ball. An incident in the game at Punt Road Oval on Saturday.

Two Richmond defenders were able to spoil this Melbourne player from marking

Umpire Blackburn Mobbed at North

UMPIRE BILL BLACKBURN was the storm centre at North Melbourne on Saturday. After the North Melbourne-Carlton match, the crowd were incensed with the decisions against North Melbourne in the last quarter, and gathered in large numbers outside the umpire's dressing room, threatening him with violence.

Collie Fail To Score

Collie, who have not yet won a game in the country schoolboys' football carnival, failed to score against Bunbury today.

Pools of water at Perth Oval today prevented good football.

Bunbury quickly adopted the soccer style, and it proved successful. Collie tried to mark or to pick the ball up in the wet patches, and as a result failed to score.

Final scores: Bunbury, 6.6 (42), beat Collie, nil.

BETTER FORM

Albany showed better form in their match against Boulder at Leederville Oval today. The playing of Tonkin, Williams and Bartley inspired the team, and although comfortably beaten by Boulder, they were not disgraced. Nelli, Woods and Hughes did well for the winners.

Final scores: Boulder, 8.11 (62), beat Albany, 2.5 (17).

Narrow Wins In Schoolboy Football

Boulder, Meckering, Merredin and Warren each scored narrow wins in the Country School Football Carnival today.

Boulder won an exciting game at Leederville Oval by six points from Bunbury. Boulder used their weight and height, and kicked and marked well.

In the last quarter Bunbury showed their true form and with high marking, clever disposal and long kicking were within an ace of winning on the bell.

Final scores: Boulder 5.7 (37), Bunbury 4.7 (31).

Warren continued their winning run to beat Katanning by nine points at the Perth Oval. Both teams gave a good display under difficult conditions.

Fortunes fluctuated throughout the game and a minute before the end of the third term Warren were one point up. They scored a goal on the bell and in the last quarter only one point was scored.

Final scores: Warren 5 goals 6 (36), Katanning 4 goals 3 (27).

At Perth Oval Meckering won a hard fought game by six points from Nelson, the lead alternating several times in the last quarter.

Outstanding were Blood for Meckering and Allen for Nelson. Others to play well for their sides were Bycroft and Pettit for Meckering, and Widdup and Patterson for Nelson.

Final scores: Meckering 5.4 (34) beat Nelson 4.4 (28).

Draw For School Football Finals

The annual Country Week schoolboy football carnival matches will conclude tomorrow, unless a draw in points should occur between leading teams.

Should a draw occur the match will be played off on Friday morning at the Subiaco Oval, before the presentation of trophies.

The draw for the final round tomorrow is as follows:—

Subiaco Oval: 9.30, Northam v. Boulder; 10.45, Collie v. Albany.

Leederville Oval: 9.30 a.m., Warren v. Nelson; 10.45 a.m., Katanning v. Busselton.

Perth Oval: 9.30 a.m., Merredin v. Meckering-Cunderdin; Bunbury v. Geraldton, a bye.

SCHOOLBOYS CONDUCT CARNIVAL AT PERTH: JULY 1939:

15-Year-Old Footballer Is 6ft. 1in.

Merredin claim to have the biggest schoolboy footballer in Robert Melvin, 15-year-old goalkeeper.

He is 6ft. 1in., scales 10st. 7lb.

He towers above all opposing players but is regarded as one of the most sportsmanlike players of the carnival.

EXCITING GAME

Merredin won an exciting game at Subiaco Oval by two points from Busselton.

Both teams played with vim despite bad conditions and Merredin won on the bell.

Final scores: Merredin, 2.3 (15 points); Busselton, 2.1 (13 points).

Geraldton had the better of the play for three-quarters against Collie at Leederville Oval and seemed to have the game completely in their hands, however, Collie made an excellent rally in the last term and kicked 3.1 while Geraldton failed to score.

Final scores: Geraldton, 6.6 (42); Collie, 5.3 (33).

Northam left no doubt about their ability as a well balanced team when they met Albany at Subiaco Oval.

They kicked 109 points against Albany's nil. The team gave a polished display in all sections of the field.

Final scores: Northam, 15.19 (109); Albany, nil.

UNBEATEN TEAMS MEET

A match of particular interest will be played between Northam and Geraldton at the Subiaco Oval tomorrow afternoon.

Both teams are so far unbeaten, and each has given a sparkling display in earlier matches. They are evenly matched and the game should decide the ultimate winner for this season.

In each team there are potential carnival players for the Hobart trip. Play will start at 3 p.m.

Four carefree Albany schoolboys sat on these steps opposite London Court today waiting to see, for the first time, the knight slay the dragon as the clock struck.

Three of them had never been to Perth before. They are all here to play in the country schoolboys' football carnival.

Despite the fact that their team only scored one point in yesterday's game and nil the day before, the boys did not seem to worry. Ernie Taylor, who had heard of the London Court clock before, pointed out to his friends just what would happen.

Hector Martin is the one who has been to Perth before. "It has changed a good bit though," he admitted.

Ernie Taylor, who sported the only long pants in the quartet, said he liked Perth, but said it did not live up to all that was said of it at Albany.

Wilfred Green liked Perth "because you can get everywhere pretty cheaply."

Les Hockey said he liked Perth better than Albany, but it was "a devil of a place to get lost in."

"How do you find the way again when you get lost?" he was asked.

"Ask a policeman," he replied with a grin.

None of the boys were very impressed with the height of the C.A.L. building.

"Oh, it is all right," they grunted deprecatingly as they looked up at it.

CAPTAIN BLOOD

NOT ONLY CAPTAIN of the Merredin-Cunderdin schoolboy football team now in Perth for the annual schools' carnival, 14-year-old Tom Blood also plays with the big men in his district's senior competition. He ran a schoolboy 130 yards race in York in 15½ sec. last month.

SCHOOLBOYS ARE KEEN FOOTBALLERS: The second day's play of the Country Schoolboys' Football Week matches took place at metropolitan grounds yesterday. Below: A Meckering-Cunderdin player shooting for a goal while a teammate shepherds him off from a defending Busselton back in their match at Leederville Oval yesterday. Above: Varied expressions during the game.

FOOTBALL

Geraldton And Warren Boys Win

Geraldton, unbeaten in the first division, and Warren, unbeaten in the second, won the annual country schoolboys' football carnival premierships for 1939.

In today's games Meckering-Cunderdin won comfortably from Merredin in the second division, but Nelson was hopelessly outclassed by Warren.

Although Merredin had no chance of winning the title, they fought Meckering-Cunderdin to the bell at Perth Oval, and both teams gave a very pleasing display.

Scores: Meckering-Cunderdin, 5 goals 6 behinds (36); Merredin, 3 goals 3 behinds (21).

14 GOALS TO ONE

Warren overwhelmed Nelson at Leederville Oval.

Battilana kicked six goals and Kelly four goals for Warren.

Nelson players were not given a chance, except on three occasions, to get into their scoring area.

Scores: Warren, 14 goals 8 behinds (92), (Battilana 6, Kelly 4); Nelson, 1.1 (7).

Collie recorded its first win for the competitions at the expense of Albany at the Subiaco Oval today. They had slightly the better of the game throughout. Albany also had not won a match.

Final scores: Collie, 3.4 (22); Albany, 1.2 (8).

Katanning comfortably beat Busselton at the Leederville Oval. Katanning's weight and better marking gave the smaller Busselton boys little chance of scoring.

Final scores: Katanning, 7.8 (50); Busselton, 2.4 (16).

Northam, runners up to Geraldton in the first division premiership, beat Boulder at the Subiaco Oval.

Final scores: Northam, 5.4 (34); Boulder, 1.4 (10).

"The Western Mail," July 27, 1939.

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL TEAMS:
Young Players, But Very Keen

Teams representing various country dictricts which participated in the Country Schoolboys' Football Week carnival which commenced in Perth last week.

Northam.

Nelson.

Busselton.

Katanning.

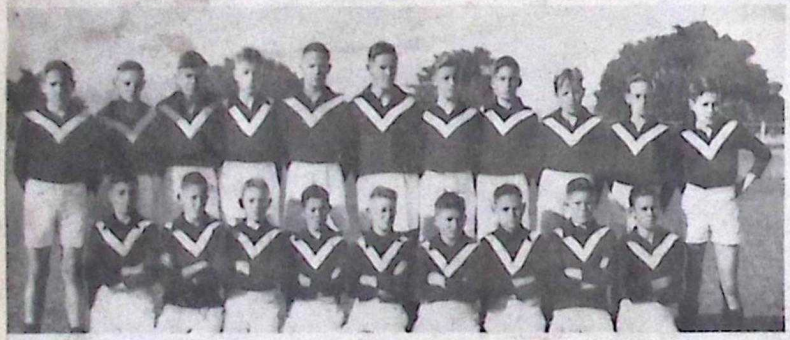
Collie.

Geraldton.

SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL TEAMS: JULY: 1939:

Warren.

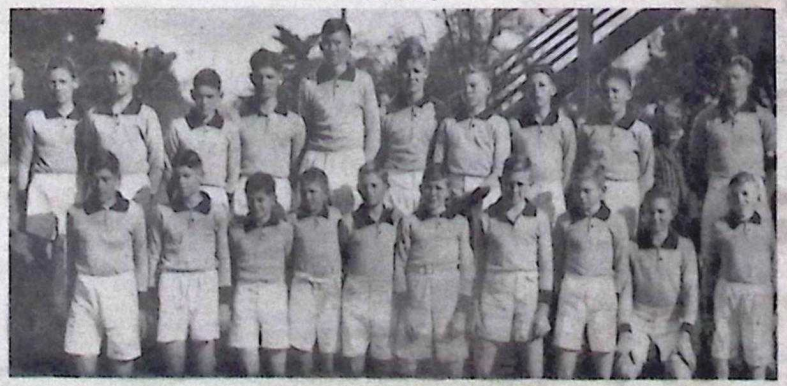
Albany.



Bunbury.

Meckering.

Boulder.



Merredin.

FREE KICKS SCAR BACK

A trainer of the South Melbourne Football Club examines a remarkable mass of bruises and lacerations inflicted on the back, thighs and legs of clubman Alex Mitchell by kicks and knocks in recent games. Inefficient inspection by umpires of players' boot sprigs is blamed for most of the damage.

Season's Honor Roll

Full back	Jack Regan (Collingwood).
Back pocket	Jim Adamson (North Melbourne).
Centre half-back	Stan Lloyd (St. Kilda).
Wing half-back	Dick Hingston (Melbourne).
Centre	Jock Cordner (North Melbourne).
Centre wing	Bruce Calverley (Fitzroy).
Centre half-forward	Clyde Helmer (Geelong).
Half-forward wing	Ansell Clarke (St. Kilda).
Forward pocket	Tom Reynolds (Essendon).
Full forward	Ron Todd (Collingwood).
Ruck	Jack Dyer (Richmond).
Rover	Syd Dyer (North Melbourne) and R. Reynolds (Essendon)—equal.
Utility player	George Smeaton (Richmond).
Best new player	Harold Ball (Melbourne).

Dick Reynolds (Essendon) shares the roving honors with S. Dyer (North Melbourne).

NEARLY 40 YEARS BETWEEN

Two men won the same football honour, but one of them achieved the distinction before the other was born! They met in Perth yesterday.

In South Australia the greatest honour within the footballer's scope is to be adjudged fairest and best player of the season. It entitles him to the Magarey Medal.

Bob Quinn, brilliant rover, and captain-coach of the visiting Port Adelaide team, won the medal last year.

One of the first to congratulate him on his arrival in Perth was Phil Sandland, Magarey medallist of 1901. Mr. Sandland, who has lived in this State for 30 years, played with North Adelaide.

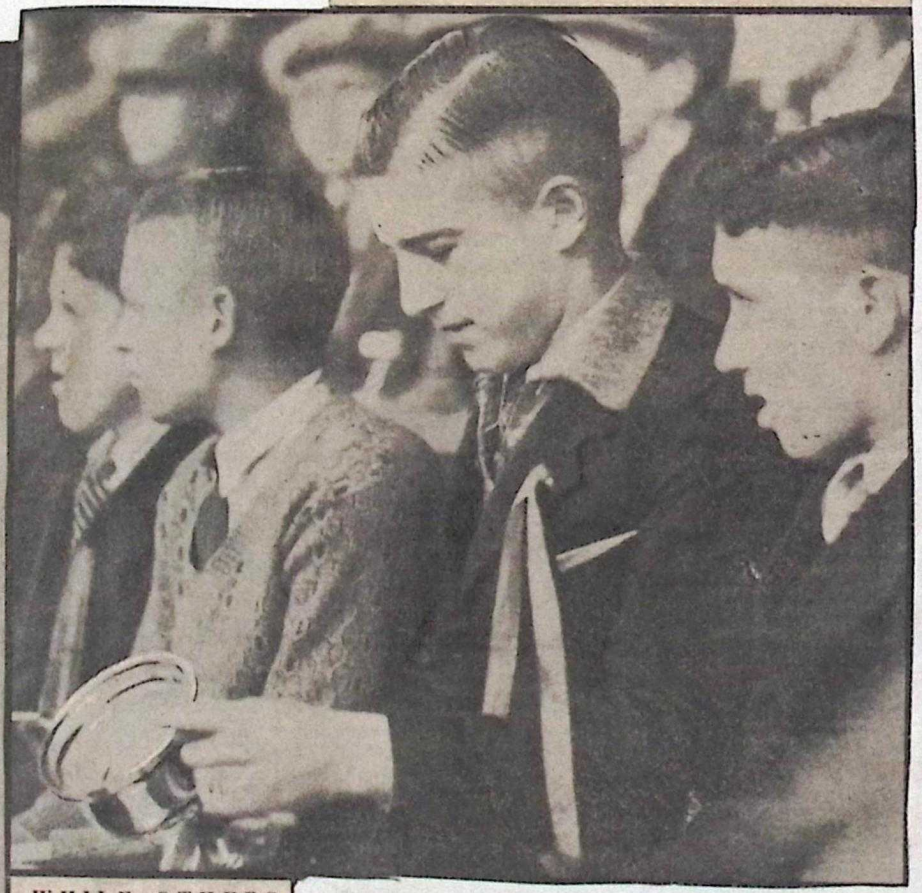
He was only 18 when he won the medal and in the previous year was at St. Peter's College, which has produced many great footballers.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

IN, BUT DOWN

INSIDE THE SCARF is 12-year-old John Campbell, reading of his selection in the State schoolboy football team today while in bed with mumps. Son of former State champion goalsneak H. ("Bonnie") Campbell, he has been ill for a week, will have recovered only a few days before his team leaves. (Story Page 8).

Eyes On The Cup



WHILE OTHERS LISTEN attentively during the presentation of trophies to country schoolboy footballers at Subiaco Oval today, K. Trezise, captain of the Warren team, has eyes only for the cup which his side won as premiers in the "B" section.

His Happy Moment

IN THE RING at West Melbourne Stadium. Jack Dwyer, Richmond follower (right) is presented with the trophy for the best Victorian player during the Perth-Adelaide trip.

GRANT (Geelong) sails between the ball and Wrout (Carlton) to spoil the chance of a mark for the Carlton half forward.—An incident in the League game at Princes Oval.

OUTSTRETCHED ARMS and clutching hands groped in vain for the ball when these three players leapt to mark in the game between Carlton and Geelong at Carlton on Saturday. From left: Gross of Geelong, Skinner of Carlton, and G. Gneil, of Geelong.

MELBOURNE HALF-BACK, W. Baxter, wins the race to the ball from A. Killigren (St. Kilda), F. Roberts (Melbourne), and E. Hopper (St. Kilda) in the big Victorian match on Saturday.

W-A. PLAYERS WHO DEFEATED VIC.

B. Ryan.

R. HUTCHINSON.
CAPTAIN

R. Starr.

D. Delz.

H. Bunton.

F. Ward.

R. Thomas.

L. O'Keefe.

F. Puddey.

G. Delz.

C. Strang.

B. McGlinn.

K. Seubert.

L. Hardiman.

K. Shea

J. Murray.

G. Kropp.

H. Andrews.

S. Sinclair.

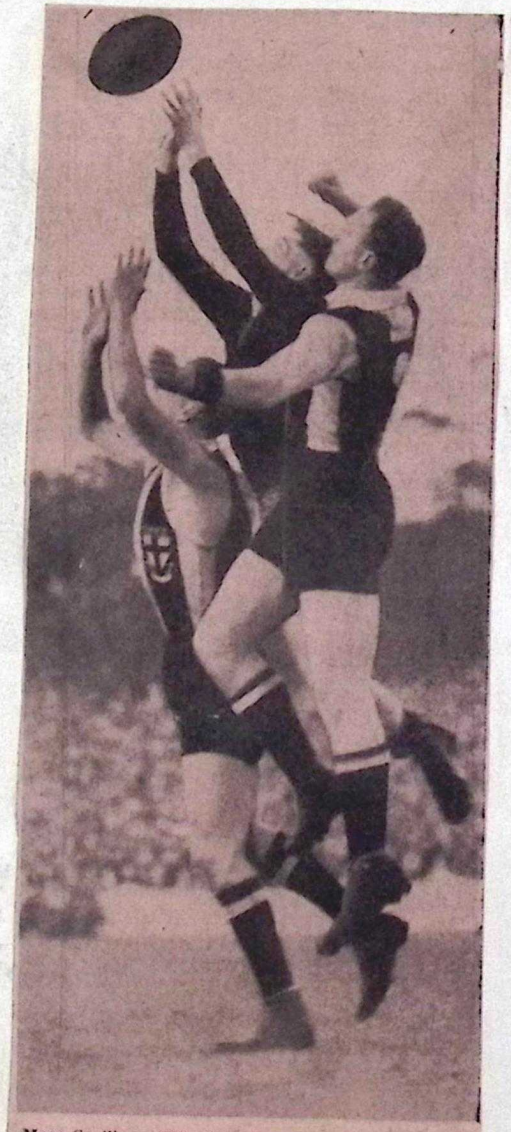
F. Jenkins.

J. Reilly.

W. Truscott.

B. Chandler.

S. Dyer (North Melb.), a champion rover, has had a rapid rise in the game.

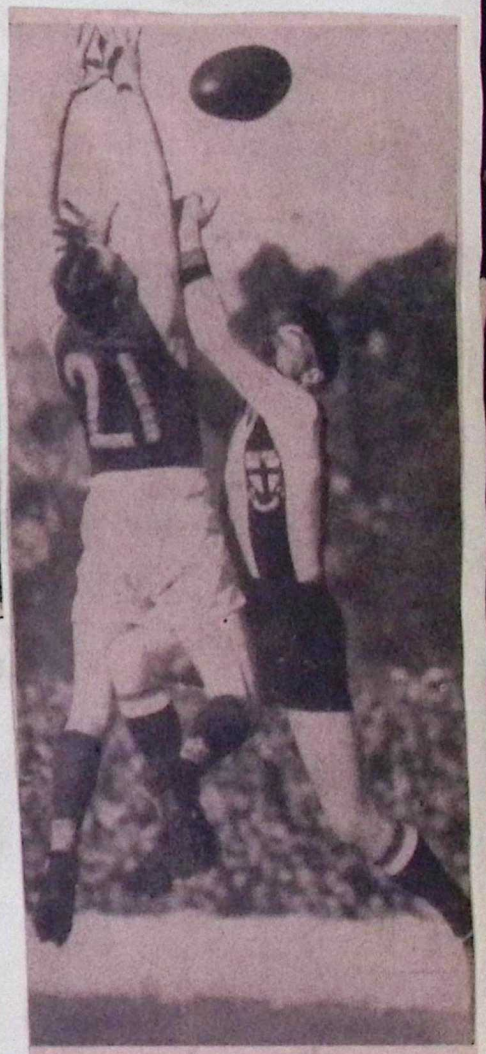

More Spoiling.—This time it is the Melbourne centre forward Norman Smith whose attempt to mark the ball is spoilt. The St. Kilda players are Robertson and Williamson.

LAST FUNCTION OF THE "WEEK": Boys who played in the Country Schoolboys' Football Week matches gathered at Subiaco Oval yesterday, when the president of the West Australian National Football League (Mr. W. Stooke) presented trophies won during the carnival. Above: W. Green (second from right), captain of the Geraldton team, and some of his teammates examining the cup the team received for winning the first division and his own trophy for fairest and best player. Inset: The captain of the Warren team, who won the second division, receiving the cup.

Incidents In The Interstate Game

INCIDENTS in the interstate game at the M.C.G. Left: Green (S.A.) reaching for the ball as a Victorian player tries to ward him off. Right: Victoria's new forward, S. Murray, running up to frustrate Revel (S.A.) as he made off with the ball. Between them is S.A.'s full-back, R. Green.

Ron Todd (Collingwood), selected as the best full-forward in Victoria.



Was it a free kick?—Kimberley (Melb.) jumps into O'Halloran (St. Kilda) from the front and prevents him from marking. One of the many spoiling incidents between the pair in the St. Kilda-Melbourne game.

THIS IS NOT A CASE OF TRYING TO SPOIL

Curyer, of St. Kilda, is not trying to spoil the mark of his team mate, Bill Mohr, in the match against Melbourne. The ball had not reached him for Mohr had come in to make sure of getting it.

S. MURRAY (Vic.), full forward, marking high in front of Green (S.A.), to kick his fifth goal in the interstate match in Melbourne.

AN AERIAL MIX-UP, with the ball lost, in the Carlton v. New South Wales match at Sydney Cricket Ground

J. Reeves. P. Leckyer.

Carlton Class Impresses

New South Wales' Good Showing

(By "CHARPERRY")

AGAINST powerful Carlton, New South Wales demonstrated on Saturday at the S.C.G. that the calibre of its play has improved. Before about 14,000 Carlton won by 19-19 to 14-9. Only in the last quarter did the visitors gain real ascendancy.

PRIOR to that they appeared to be nonplussed by the rugged attacking of New South Wales, and especially by the snappy work of the rovers, Stiff and Latham. This pair frequently got the inside out of difficulties—with all sorts of contortions—eluding the opposing big men.

Right from the start New South Wales had Carlton thinking, until rallying the forces in the last quarter, Carlton brought into operation systematic passing, excellent positional play, and better condition. New South Wales then faded away.

Carlton's best were: Cooper (roving), Savage and Hollingshead (in the ruck), Green and Carney (on the wings), Jones, Anderson, and Francis (in defence), and Price (forward).

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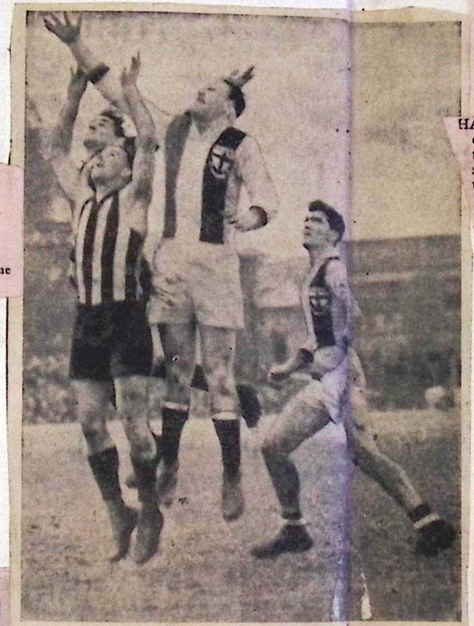

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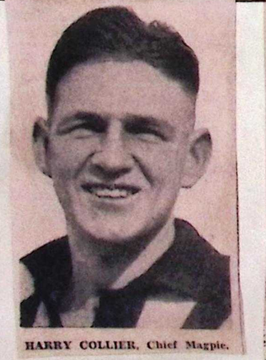

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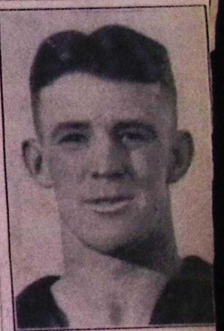

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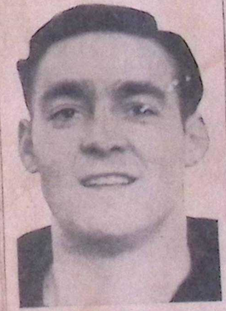

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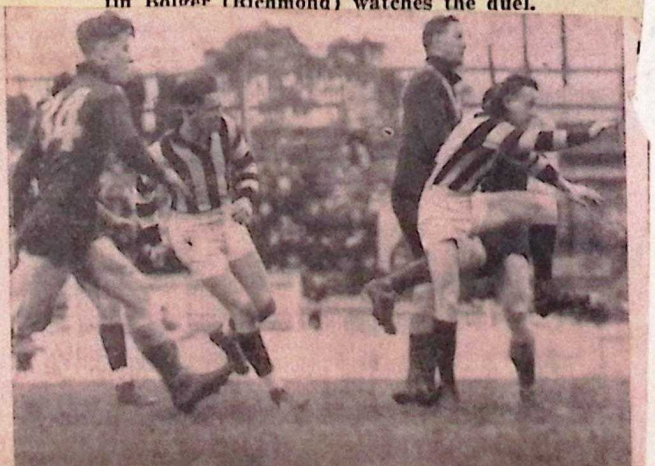

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